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Twenty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 11:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Nageak and Olson had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Vazquez be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Dov Gartenberg of Congregation Sukkat Shalom. Representative Gruenberg moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

It is the professional burden of lawmakers to face weighty decisions on public matters. Looking to the past can provide precedents for choices we face today. Jewish tradition is blessed with a great legal tradition that is a treasury of insight into both public and personal dilemmas and important public matters. I would like to share with you a classic Jewish text by one of the great Jewish legal minds, Maimonides, on the matter of giving. This text also provides wisdom on social welfare. I offer this text as a wisdom resource for the work that you do, not in any way as a policy position or recommendation. After all this is only an invocation.

Maimonides lists his Eight Levels of Giving, as written in the *Mishneh Torah, Hilkhoh matanot aniyim* ("Laws about Giving to Poor People"), Chapter 10:7-14. I will start with the lowest level and end with what Maimonides viewed as the highest level of giving, in Hebrew known as tzedakah and loosely translated as charity.

1. Giving "in sadness" (giving out of pity): It is thought that Maimonides was referring to giving because of the sad feelings one might have in seeing people in need (as opposed to giving because it is a religious obligation). Other translations say "giving unwillingly."
2. Giving willingly, but inadequately.
3. Giving adequately after being asked.
4. Giving tzedakah before being asked.
5. Giving tzedakah publicly to an unknown recipient.
6. Giving tzedakah anonymously to a known recipient.
7. Giving tzedakah anonymously to an unknown recipient via a person (or public fund) which is trustworthy, wise, and can perform acts of tzedakah with your money in a most impeccable fashion.
8. Giving an interest-free loan to a person in need; forming a partnership with a person in need; giving a grant to a person in need; finding a job for a person in need; so long as that loan, grant, partnership, or job results in the person no longer living by relying upon others.

All forms of giving listed are legitimate with the law, but level eight is considered the ideal and the most effective form of giving. May this teaching inspire us in our efforts to come closest to the ideal in our actions on behalf of the citizens of this great state.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Gruenberg.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 18th, 19th, and 20th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Seaton introduced Maria Kulikov, Guest Page, from Homer.

Representative Stutes introduced Mariah Arndt, Guest Page, from Kodiak.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Alaska Energy Authority
Renewable Energy Fund Status Report and
Round VIII Recommendations
January 2015
(as required by AS 42.45.045)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Alaska Airports and Aviation
2014 Annual Report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HCR 2

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2
Designating January 25 - 31, 2015, as Alaska School Choice
Week.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(EDC)
Designating January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice
Week.

The report was signed by Representative Keller, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Kreiss-Tomkins, Drummond, Seaton, Keller

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHCR 2(EDC):

1. Zero, House Education Committee

HCR 2 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Commemorating - Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, February 16, 2015
By Representatives Munoz, Kito; Senator Egan

Honoring - Christine Cunningham, 2014 Prois Award Recipient
By Representative Olson; Senator Micciche

Honoring - Alaska Native Sisterhood, 100 Year Celebration
By Representatives Munoz, Kito; Senator Egan

Honoring - John D. Squires, M.S., P.E.
By Senator Giessel

In Memoriam - Lenora Fern Moore
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 99

HOUSE BILL NO. 99 by Representatives DRUMMOND and Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the voluntary termination of life by terminally ill individuals; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

HB 100

HOUSE BILL NO. 100 by Representatives CHENAULT and Olson, entitled:

"An Act establishing a credit against the net income tax for an in-state processing facility that manufactures urea or ammonia; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 4

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

"An Act relating to automated external defibrillators."

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Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 4 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 4 will advance to third reading on the February 11, 2015, calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 9

The following, which was held from the February 6, 2015, calendar (page 159), was read the third time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development; urging the United States Department of the Interior to recognize the private property rights of owners of land in and adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; relating to oil and gas exploration, development, production, and royalties; and relating to renewable and alternative energy technologies.

The question being: "Shall HJR 9 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 9

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Wilson, Wool

Excused: Nageak, Olson, Vazquez

Absent: Neuman

And so, HJR 9 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Elizabeth Howard

By Senator Stedman; Representatives Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

In Memoriam - Patricia Ann Roppel

By Senator Stedman; Representatives Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Vazquez – from noon, February 9 to 11:59 p.m., February 15

Representative Thompson – from 11:30 a.m., February 13 to 10:30 a.m., February 16

Representative LeDoux – from 6:00 a.m., February 12 to 10:30 a.m., February 15

Representative Edgmon – from 6:30 p.m., February 12 to 10:30 p.m., February 15

Representative Kawasaki – from noon, February 13 to 10:30 p.m., February 15

Representative Herron – from noon, February 16 to 10:00 a.m., February 18

Representative Millett – from:
noon, February 13 to 10:30 p.m., February 15
noon, February 16 to 10:45 a.m., February 18

Representative Johnson – from 11:30 a.m., February 16 to 10:15 a.m., February 18

Representative Nageak – from 8:00 a.m., February 15 to 11:00 a.m., February 18

Representative Wilson – from noon, February 13 to 10:30 p.m., February 15

HCR 1

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Urging the Governor to acknowledge officially the sovereignty of Alaska tribal governments, to create clear and consistent policies for increased state collaboration and partnership with tribes, and to direct the attorney general to conduct a complete review of the state's litigation against Alaska Native tribes; urging the Governor to acknowledge the inherent criminal jurisdiction of Alaska tribal governments over tribal members within the boundaries of their villages; urging the Governor to cooperate with tribes' efforts to transfer Native land to trust; and urging the Governor to support multilateral negotiations between tribal governments, nontribal municipalities, and the state government to delineate clearly tribal geographical jurisdictions.

HJR 7

Representative Johnson added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Opposing the proposed designation of an Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

HJR 9

Representative Tilton added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development; urging the United States Department of the Interior to recognize the private property rights of owners of land in and adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; relating to oil and gas exploration, development, production, and royalties; and relating to renewable and alternative energy technologies.

HJR 13

Representatives Lynn and LeDoux added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Urging the United States Department of the Army to maintain the current level of its combat-capable structure in the state and not to take structural realignment actions with regard to Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

HB 4

Representative Tilton added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

"An Act relating to automated external defibrillators."

ENGROSSMENT**HJR 9**

HJR 9 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Judiciary Committee

CANCELED

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 11, 2015. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk

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